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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Koethen Airfield	25X1	
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
DATE OF CONTENT	20 to 22 March 1954		
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REMARKS			

SOURCE   25X1

1. At 8 a.m. on 20 March 1954, there was air activity by swept-back jet aircraft which continuously took off in elements of twos followed by a third aircraft flying aft of each element. The aircraft climbed to high altitudes where vapor trails could be seen. They made circular and horizontal flights, as well as dives, and pulled out of their dives while still at high altitudes. Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 22 March, no air activity was conducted. About noon, two single-engine aircraft were observed landing at the field and, after a short time, a twin-engine aircraft landed.<sup>1</sup>
2. About 10 a.m. on 22 March, the Token-type radar set was still observed at its former location in the northeastern corner of the field. About 11 a.m., however, the set apparently had been dismantled or removed. Four motor vehicles were also parked near the site, after the presumed removal of the set.<sup>2</sup>
3. Between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on 21 March, no air activity was conducted at the field. Two hangars were closed and one hangar was open and vacant. Two MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars.<sup>1</sup> The AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field was occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns.<sup>3</sup> A radar set, probably a Token-type set, had been observed on Apollenberg near Wittenberg some days ago; a set of the same type was also observed at the field on 21 March.<sup>2</sup>

25X1 1.   Comment. Koethen airfield is still believed to be occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with about 28 MiG-15s.

25X1 2.   Comment. The Token-type radar set had been observed by the same source for the first time on 12 March 1954.   It has not been determined whether the set was permanently removed or whether it was only shifted to another location in the field area. The Token-type set on Apollenberg near Wittenberg had previously been reported by the same source.  

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25X1 3.   Comment. The AA gun emplacement is reportedly occupied by 4 or 6 x 37-mm AA guns.

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